Memoir Organizer

This is an optional, but strongly recommended, organizer for your memoir assignment. If you choose, you may hand in this planning sheet as proof of writing development.

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Introduction Paragraph (Now)

-Usually takes place in present day -Shows an element of reflection

-Introduce topic. Why are you recalling this event?

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-No Thesis statement- A memoir’s thesis is unspoken

-Connecting sentence to the next paragraph.

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-Body Paragraphs (Then)

-A reflection back in time. -Include descriptive details of the setting and people involved.

-Only include details that add to the story -Consider adding elements of figurative language

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-Closing Paragraph (Now or Then)

-Can take place in present day or past tense -Finds closure -hints at your thesis

-reflections on new experiences and insights

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